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Statistics of the Sea

WHICH INCLUDE MANY CURIOUS ITEMS.

When the Gulf stream passes out of the gulf of Mexico its temperature is about

Over 7,000 varieties of microscopic sea shells have been enumerated by naturalists.

There are springs of fresh water in the Persian gulf that furnish supplies to vessels.

For a long time the coral was supposed to be a plant. Even Rousseau treats it as such.

The saline matter held in solution in sea water comprises one-third of the weight.

No part of the Atlantic ocean between Europe and Newfoundland exceeds 2,000 fathoms.

In a cubic foot of phosphorescent sea water there have been found 25,000 living creatures.

A physalia or sea galley, of the size of a haezelnut, will kill a herring with the utmost ease.

The sea-express, a kind of coral, sometimes has 6,000 to 10,000 animals on a single branch.

The water of the Mediterranean contains a greater proportion of salt than that of the ocean.

Starfish are found at almost every depth in the sea. Some have been drawn up from 2,000 fathoms.

One kind of sea-bladder has no mouth, but absorbs all its nourishment through the pores of its body.

Nearly three-fourths of the world's drainage, directly or indirectly, pours into the Atlantic ocean.

The coral insects are said to consume

indigenous quantities of worms, small fish and other living creatures.

It is estimated that the water of the whole ocean contains in solution over 2,000,000,000 tons of pure silver.

A colony of medusae has been compared to a collection of muslin sunbonnets floating right side up in the water.

The banks of Newfoundland are formed by the sand, earth and stones brought from the north by the icebergs.

It is estimated that two years are required for the gulf water to travel from Florida to the coast of Norway.

The proportion of salt in sea water is largest where the water is deepest, but does not increase with the depth.

The ocean hydrie have no heart, no lungs, no liver, no brain, no nervous system, no organs save mouth and skin.

The water of the ocean contains gold, which is solution by the soluble of calcium. The quantity is about one grain to the ton.

Over one-half of the sand of every shore is composed of minute shells, each of which was once the home of a living creature.

The bed of the north Atlantic consists of two valleys, separated by a mountain range that runs from the Azores to Iceland.

At the lowest depth from which specimens of the bottom have been brought,

of different species of *Indusia* were found.

The Yellow sea of China is so-called from the presence of yellow and washed down by the great rivers that empty into its waters.

The water of the oceans, notwithstanding numerous local influences, is nearly of the same composition in every part of the world.

Sea anemones have been known to live for three or four years without any nourishment, save what they extract from the water.

Franklin taught that the ocean currents were due to the influence of permanent winds, which opinion he was sustained by Sir John Herschel.

The color of the sea is usually described as blue, but it is a very various tint. In the tropics it is sometimes a milky blue, at others a deep green.

Coastal larvae are born alive and swim off to seek a locality on which to settle. After they have done so become fixed, they never again change place.

The actinia swallow sea shells and their inhabitants, and when inconvenienced by their presence in the hard substances, simply break them inside out like a nut, and get rid of the intruding shells in this way.

The schooner *Sarah Hall* of Rockport, recently wrecked at Oak's Head, was sold at auction Jan. 2d. Fred Smith bid it off at \$51. The 120 barrels of flour which comprised a part of her cargo was sold at \$1 a barrel.

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Beef, Northern, best, at 11 1/4 to 1 3/4.

Butter, Northern, fancy, near by, 28 1/2 to 30; Eastern, 25.

Chickens, Fowls, Northern, 22 to 24 1/2; chickens, Southern, 20 to 22.

Beans, Pea, 11 7/8 to 8 1/2; medium at 11 1/2 to 7/8; yellow eyes, at 8 1/2 to 6 1/2.

Hay, best, 8 to 10; inferior, lower grades at 6 to 7 1/2; rice straw, 11 1/2 to 15.

Potatoes, Arrowroot, Helicon, 60c; 4 bush; do, 55c; 4 bush; do, Helicon, at 50c; do white, 45c; do, 40c; Dakota, 40c.

Apples—Baldwins, 22 1/2 to 25; Greenings, 22 1/2 to 25; No. 28, 21 1/2 to 25.